

Application No.: 10/082,318

Docket No.: 20402-00642-US

REMARKS

The Office Action has been carefully considered and the allowance of claims 13-29 is noted with appreciation.

In an effort to expedite the prosecution of the present application, claim 30 is being canceled so that the application is now in condition for formal allowance with claims 13-29.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 20402-00642-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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